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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is now based on information received by the Food Distribution Administration from Class 1 and Class 2 livestock slaughterers operating under Food Distribution Order 75. It contains information similar to that of preceding reports but has been expanded by segregating the data received from Federally inspected and from non-inspected establishments.

It will be observed that the average dressing percentage for hogs has been omitted for August, because of apparent misinterpretation by some establishments of the method for arriving at dressed weight. The missing figures will be made available as soon as possible so as to show an unbroken series.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

	:	:	August	:	July	:	August 1943			
Class of Livestock	:	Unit	:	1942	:	1943	:	Fed. Insp. : Non-insp.		
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>										
Cattle		Pounds		936.54		969.77		943.68		902.96
Steers 1/		"		995.93		1,006.96		992.53		890.32
Calves		"		231.80		198.67		233.71		212.45
Hogs		"		265.73		273.39		276.68		224.13
Sheep and lambs		"		86.27		86.16		88.38		85.61
<u>Average yield</u>										
Cattle		Percent		53.97		54.91		53.52		52.70
Calves		"		55.25		56.65		55.37		56.82
Hogs		"		75.28		75.94*				
Sheep and lambs		"		46.15		45.86		44.91		46.35
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>										
Cattle		Dollars		11.52		12.69		11.95		12.21
Steers 1/		"		13.28		14.33		13.88		13.73
Calves		"		12.40		13.30		12.61		11.99
Hogs		"		14.28		13.48		13.79		14.26
Sheep and lambs		"		11.87		11.93		10.48		12.74

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
August 1943 and 1942

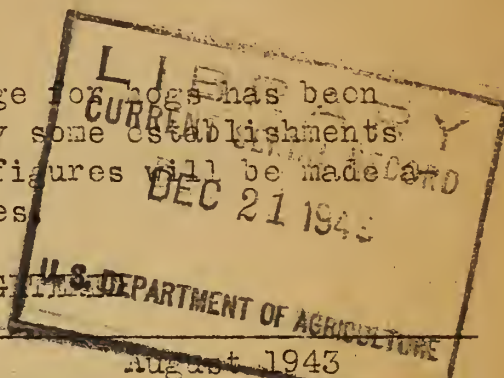
Class of Livestock	Total slaughtered		Carcasses condemned	
	during August	during August	during August	during August
	1943	1942	1943	1942
Cattle	988,472	1,102,738	5,311	5,126
Calves	433,873	460,050	922	795
Hogs	4,464,437	3,223,059	13,158	9,725
Sheep and lambs	2,268,573	1,839,797	14,141	10,575

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.

* Adjusted for comparability with historic data.

See next page for slaughter records.

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SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	August 1942	July 1943	August 1943 Fed. Insp.	August 1943 Non-insp.
<u>Cattle</u>					
Stockyards	Percent	76.54	78.78	80.30	68.13
Other	"	23.46	21.22	19.70	31.87
<u>Calves</u>					
Stockyards	"	65.99	58.98	65.64	55.87
Other	"	34.01	41.02	34.36	44.13
<u>Hogs</u>					
Stockyards	"	46.69	47.51	47.16	59.26
Other	"	53.31	52.49	52.84	40.74
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>					
Stockyards	"	61.96	57.97	63.97	41.59
Other	"	38.04	42.03	36.03	58.41

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

<u>Cattle</u>					
Steers	Percent	48.80	58.31	50.82	54.50
Cows and heifers	"	47.67	35.90	44.00	33.92
Bulls and stags	"	3.53	5.79	5.18	11.58
<u>Hogs</u>					
Sows	"	57.62	33.99 2/	39.28 2/	12.20 2/
Barrows and gilts	"	41.42	65.18 2/	59.92 2/	87.36 2/
Boars and stags	"	0.96	0.83	0.80	0.44
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>					
Sheep	"	16.44	22.27	33.35	12.06
Lambs and yearlings	"	83.56	77.73	66.65	87.94

2/ Not comparable in that in the past gilts were included with sows.

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